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UN Forces Make Small Advances In Northeast

LOCAL government provides the mould in which the public character is stamped. It is as fundamental to the health of national politics as the family is to the health of society. It is, or should be, the public spirit and the nursery of the State's national leaders. On a purely numerical basis, these facts are already evident in Israel. A total of 527 councillors will take their seats in the new municipal and local council bodies as against 120 members who sit normally in the national legislature.

MUNICIPALITIES represent the separate and general interests of this country more closely than the central Parliament. One might not think so, after taking note of the election propaganda of the past few weeks. Most of the candidates have spoken as if they were junior or associate members of the central Parliament instead of men and women whose business it is to establish the communal foundation upon which the central Government can be raised.

THE result may be that today's voting will reflect fairly the country's attitude to the present Government. It would not be surprising, of course, if an elector with an extensive franchise, which is offered party lists and party manifestos on exactly the same lines as at parliamentary elections, should see little occasion and less opportunity to differentiate between the needs of local and national government. The fact that a crisis in the central Government, with the threat of general elections, coincided with the opening of the municipal campaign, may have aggravated this factor. What is more, the present register is almost double the old and the existing municipalities have been in office so long that they have ceased to have any true representative character: further cause to blur the distinctions.

AT the same time, there are reasons why the present local Government elections should be taking place in an atmosphere of considerable public excitement. But they are not. Either the public has made up its mind in spite of the crude exhortations of mobile loudspeakers, or it is indifferent to the main issues before it. In fact, therefore, those who are seeking from today's elections an expression of the people's attitude to the central Government, and a guide to the next general elections, may be disappointed when the results are made known tomorrow.

CIVIC consciousness in Israel is not yet as strong as national consciousness. There is, to be sure, a certain rivalry between one city and another. But it is not expressed in civic enterprise or in civic pride based upon progressive accomplishment. That will come. Municipal development in this country is likely to be rapid. New towns, and communities which for many years have paddled along in a backwater, are likely to enter the broad stream of civic progress under the compulsion of rising populations and the need to absorb them economically. Jerusalem, the traditional and political capital, Tel Aviv, the pride of Zionism, and the centre of the nation's financial and commercial interests, and Haifa, the focus of shipping and industry, are likely to come under increasing competition as new centres, starting from scratch, move rapidly towards the rank of city. The process may lead to decentralization on the one hand and, under the stress of an example and healthy rivalry, to a more scientific form of local government throughout Israel.

PROBABLY there is no need for a Sydney and Beatrice Webb to analyse the system and set the lines for something new. But it is fairly evident that candidate-councillors as well as the public are a little uncertain of the real functions of civic administration and of its essential role in the development of national welfare. Tel Aviv, November 14.

Lhasa, Capital of Tibet



Surrender of Tibet Reported As U.N. Receives Complaint

KALIMPONG, Monday (Reuter). — Chinese-led Tibetan people's liberation troops have entered the Tibetan capital Lhasa, and hostilities have ceased, according to reliable sources at this Indian border town.

The same sources added that the Tibetan assembly had accepted a Chinese proposal regarding the future status of the mountain-locked state.

These reports still lack official confirmation. Other reports reaching New Delhi today maintained that the Chinese forces who entered the country three weeks ago, were still 500 km from the capital.

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Lamas Retained

The institutions of the Dalai Lama and of the Panchen Lama — spiritual heads of the country — will be retained, it was understood, but China has called for constitutional and agrarian reforms.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Secretariat today received Tibet's complaint of aggression by Chinese Communist forces.

The complaint, addressed to the Security Council, was being circulated to members of the Council.

It gave a long history of relations between China and Tibet, and asked the Council to take up the question of Chinese intervention.

Meanwhile, the Nepal Nationalist "parallel government" at Birgahal is to ask for India's recognition, a spokesman of the Nepal Congress said here yesterday.

Matrika Prasad Koirala, president of the Congress, is to go to Delhi to ask Prime Minister Nehru for official recognition.

The advancing Congress troops were today reported 65 kilometres from Nepal's capital, Katmandu.

About 10,000 industrial workers are supporting the Nationalists' two-day-old attack on Biratnagar in east Nepal, according to reports reaching here last night.

These workers are fighting alongside about 8,000 Nationalist troops and are meeting stiff resistance from an unknown number of Nepal government troops stationed in the city.

The local treasury was said to be in the Congress forces hands.

Korean Assembly Overrides Rhee

SEOUL, Monday (UP). — The Korean National Assembly overruled a presidential veto today to pass two bills designed to limit irresponsible police activities in the punishment of Communist collaborators and to increase the Assembly's authority and control in subsequent investigations.

The first bill sets up an 11-man commission as a special grand jury to review collaboration cases and determine whether the state has a case for prosecution.

The second bill prohibits supra-nationalist organizations from carrying out "any kind of private punishment or to apprehend, detain, search or interview the suspects with due recourse to trial procedure provided by law."

In his veto message, President Syngman Rhee said he had it in the hands of some instead of experts and it would allow the legislative body to infringe on the duties and powers of the judicial branch.

Today the estimated 25,000 suspected collaborators had been arrested in Seoul and the surrounding Kyongsang province, and 274 condemned by court martial, 274 sentenced to death, and 234 executed. Of the remainder, only seven have been released as not guilty.

U.S. Penetrates China—Peking

BERLIN, Monday (Reuter). — The Chinese government today accused the United States of "penetrating into Chinese territory, violating her sovereignty, and threatening China's security," according to the East German News Agency.

Quoting the Official New China News Agency it said the government had issued the statement in Peking.

Last night, the Peking radio contended that the important industrial centres of Manchuria "would be threatened by the enemy's gunfire" if China's population did not volunteer for active resistance in Korea.

The radio repeated that Communist China was determined to "liberate" Formosa.

Meanwhile, diplomatic quarters in London said they considered as "highly premature" reports that Britain would associate herself with a move to bomb Chinese bases across the Manchurian frontier in the event of continued Chinese intervention in Korea.

They believed the British government was anxious to limit hostilities to Korea itself and would only support an extension of the conflict by tolerating air action against China if all other methods of handling the problem failed.

Usually well informed quarters said they believed the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, was acutely conscious of the dangers to the whole world situation which might result from direct action against China.

Showdown Battle In Indo-China Nears

SAIGON, Monday (UP). — French patrols skirmished with Vietnamese Communists along a 60-mile front near the Chinese Communist border today and a French military spokesman said a showdown battle was expected at any moment.

Reports indicate that Vietnam is massing for the fight against the French for the third "regular" battalions at least 3,000 troops.

Meanwhile, French forces continued the evacuation by sea today of the civilian population of Mocay, on the eastern corner of Indochina, to the Tienyen district, farther south.

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Scopus Convoy Goes up After 13-Day Delay

Traffic at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem was much heavier than usual yesterday when the delayed convoy went through to Mt. Scopus, and the Jordan authorities finally returned three Jews who had crossed the lines by error some months ago.

The convoy was prevented from crossing the lines 13 days ago. It took up police guards and three truck loads of food and fuel after a temporary compromise was worked out. Jordan prohibited visitors from accompanying the transport.

Official Announcement

An official announcement issued in Jerusalem last night said:

"The convoy from Jerusalem was up to Mount Scopus after the Jordan representatives withdrew their demands, and agreed to the procedure which has been in effect until now and which was recently agreed."

Harsh Treatment

The three Jews who were returned told of harsh treatment received at the hands of the Arab Legion after they wandered across the lines. They said that their interrogators beat them, and demanded military and economic information. The investigations were carried out in the Old City and Bethlehem.

After the interrogations they were moved to Ramallah prison where they were no longer maltreated. Food, however, was extremely poor.

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The three men were Haim Bohadana, who crossed the lines six months ago at Bet Safad; Ehud Yosser, 22, who crossed in January; and Meir Cohen, a soldier who crossed at Sanhedria four months ago.

Protests Turkey

A Jewish Yehuda Haiman, an immigrant from Turkey, refused to return stating that he wished to be deported to Turkey. He was taken back to Ramallah.

Britain had not disassociated herself — as she had been frequently accused of doing — from the European economy.

Mr. Davies said: "Here at government level we are willing to make some sacrifices as far as our economic policy is concerned for the common European good. But we say that this must be reached by agreement with other countries and cannot be imposed upon one country by others."

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Meetings were held in most neighbourhoods and drew large crowds. The liveliest took place in Mahne Yehuda, where the Central Sephardim Bloc and the General Zionist-Sephardim List held simultaneous rallies outside the same building and in Men Shearim where Religious Bloc adherents tried to break up an Agudat Israel Workers meeting.

There was also much activity in distributing handbills. But while a large group of persons gathered under the Histadrut public address system in Rehov Hapoalim where a cinema and a bus queue added to the crowd.

More Imports

With the loan essential foodstuffs, raw materials, building materials, industrial equipment, prefabricated and semi-prefabricated houses will be imported to Israel from Sweden and several other countries.

Negotiations for the loan began 11 months ago. About \$30.5m. in loans have been granted to the J.N.F. from abroad during the past 18 months.

Histadrut into one society in which there exist no differences or discrimination; and the Histadrut is doing its best to uproot all differences and discrimination from the entire nation.

The Histadrut has always fought for the equality of rights for every person in the Yishuv regardless of class, community, or sex. During the period of foreign domination, certain persons succeeded in robbing the masses, the poor, workers and sub-tenants of their civic rights and found a way to become masters of a number of municipalities and local councils. The restrictions set up by the foreign power have been nullified and now every Jew whether he is a property holder or not, of any class, sex or origin for the first time has the full and equal right to cast his ballot in the municipal and local council elections.

Under the rule of the foreign power, those people ran the municipalities without elections. There have been no elections in the past 15 years in the largest municipality in the country — Tel Aviv!

This malpractice has been stopped in the State of Israel which is supported only by the free will and political equality of all its citizens.

The Histadrut is fighting for the education, health, work, sustenance and housing of every resident of Israel: the veteran settler and the new immigrant, regardless of community, class, origin or sex.

If the community of workers is not depressed, down-trodden, diseased, ignorant as in the neighbouring countries it is only thanks to the efforts, unceasing fight and creative endeavour of the Histadrut — the strongest and most dependable support of democracy, progress, freedom and equality in Israel.

The organized working class — the Histadrut — is the basic and support of the existence of liberal tradesmen, small merchants, artisans and the poor.

The Histadrut is fighting tendencies inherited from the Diaspora: division and schism, anarchy and chaos.

There are certain people who find the above to be desirable so as to facilitate their rule and deprive others of their rights.

The minorities in the Histadrut — the Communists and Mapam — who are striving for dissension in the municipal council elections and thus undermine the one great unity existing in the State of Israel — are serving, perhaps unconsciously, foreign interests and oppose the working masses: such dissension is an unpardonable crime against the unity of the nation and the worker.

The whole nation must rally to the support of the Histadrut, the largest and most potent creative and constructing force in Israel, which takes up the cudgels for the rights of every man and woman, which is in the forefront in the task of integrating the immigrants of all communities and faithfully stands by the efforts of the State to carry out the greatest task of our generation: the ingathering of the exiles, the rehabilitation of a derelict country, the guarantee of security for the State and the creation of sovereign and progressive life for the nation being reborn in its liberated homeland.

Local Polls Open For 425,000 Voters Today

Polling booths will be opened throughout the country at 7 o'clock this morning to 425,000 eligible voters who will choose local representatives in the first nation-wide municipal elections to be held since the founding of the State. Threatening skies and a forecast of rain in many areas will reduce the turnout, observers believed last night.

The last-minute campaign reached its peak yesterday as loudspeakers in all the cities blared forth at top volume, and handbills were strewn over the main streets.

The campaign has been fought by all parties mainly on national issues. This emphasis was heightened by the recent Cabinet crisis.

In a broadcast over Kol Israel last night, Mr. Moshe Shapiro, the Minister of the Interior, urged all electors to use their ballots. Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, and Mr. Z. Aran, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, addressed a capacity Histadrut rally audience at the Bet Am in Tel Aviv last night. Dr. Dov Joseph, the Minister of Communications, was prevented by a band of youths from speaking at a similar meeting at the Yaf-Or Cinema in Jaffa last night. The boys, reportedly of the Herut and Mapam parties, broke into the hall and raised a commotion. Police were unable to restore order.

All Government services, pasting posters except on specially designated billboards. This morning, the post office and communications, health and other vital services, will be closed down as of 1 o'clock this afternoon, as required by law.

Jerusalem, which for weeks had been spared the bedlam of screaming loudspeakers that has annoyed Tel Avivians, fell prey to the nuisance on election eve yesterday as most parties used the device with doubtful results in the centre of town.

Police were instructed not to interfere with the vans and loudspeakers but to report the names of parties making use of them.

Zion Square was a bit more deserted than usual in the evening as the inarticulate sounds emitted from a Herut loudspeaker on the roof of a building irritated rather than instructed passers-by.

Half-way up Rehov Ben Yehuda a Progressive Party amplifier went unheeded, while a large group of persons gathered under a Histadrut public address system in Rehov Hapoalim where a cinema and a bus queue added to the crowd.

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VIRGINIA CIGARETTES

Social & Personal

M. Pavel I. Yerushov, Soviet Minister to Israel, returned to Moscow on leave on Sunday.

Dr. R. Coigny, Chief Medical Officer of the International Red Cross; Mr. S. Adler-Budel, Israel observer to the I.R.O.; and Dr. Pliskin, of the Malben Executive, yesterday called on Mr. Moshe Shapiro, the Minister of Immigration.

Mr. Avraham Harman, formerly Israeli Consul-General in Canada, has been appointed Counsellor at the Embassy of Israel in Washington, and Director of the Israel Office of Information in the United States. Mr. Harman has already assumed his new duties and his head office will be New York.

Mr. Bezalel Yaffe has been appointed Secretary-General of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. He formerly held the post of Assistant to the Ministry's Director-General.

The 17th academic year of the High School of Law and Economics was opened in Tel Aviv on Sunday by Mayor I. Rokach and Mr. M. Chelouche, Chairman of the School's Board.

Massenet's opera, "Manon," with Edis de Philippe in the role of Manon, will be presented by the Hebrew National Opera at the Habimah Hall in Tel Aviv at 8.30 tonight. M. Golinkin will conduct.

AMIR — To Shulamith (née Englander), wife of Mr. Shimon Amir (Enreich), in Buenos Aires — a daughter.

MEDALIE — To June, wife of Jack Medalie of Moshav Habonim, in the "Imahut," Haifa, on November 9 — a son.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY — The staff of the American Consulate, Haifa, wish to express their heartfelt condolences to their colleague, Mr. M. Gaberman, on the death of his mother.

Mrs. Else Fisher, the fashion designer, has returned to Israel with the latest models from Paris.

Swedish Soccer Champs Arrive

LYDDA AIRPORT. — The Swedish A.I.K. 17-member soccer team arrived here tonight by Sabena Airlines.

The 1949 Swedish champs are scheduled to play their first game in Haifa on Thursday against the Hapoel. Subsequent games will be divided between Hapoel and Maccabi.

Menuhin, Lena Horne Coming Here

TEL AVIV, Monday — Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist, will visit Israel again this winter, and will give a series of concerts, according to Mr. Y. Gilson, of the Gilson-Ginzburg impresarios.

Kenneth Spencer, the Negro bass, will also appear in Israel this season. Mr. Gilson said he has also signed contracts with Simon Barere, pianist Andre Segovia, the great violinist Ruggiero Ricci, and Lena Horne, the Negro cinema-star. All are scheduled to come to Israel within a year.

Jerusalem Cinemas
At 7, 8.30 & 9.30 p.m.
EDEN: Adam's Rib, 8.30, & 9.30.
ORION: Down to the Sea in Ships, SEMADAR: Hill, Elizab. 6.7, and 9 p.m., STUDIO: Pimples Smith, 8.30. Under the Patronage of Israel Touring Club.

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AT THE CINEMA

"JOHN Loves Mary" (Esther, Tel Aviv), is a slow-moving comedy about two soldiers and a girl, with some modest gags. There is, above all, Edward Arnold, too, Hollywood's best and most dynamic interpreter of Senators.

Spine Thriller ("BACKFIRE" (Orion) is a rather senseless thriller involving, among others, an American war veteran. The film starts with the release of the soldier from a military hospital after having undergone a successful spine operation, and it ends involving other people who, it seems, get heavy spine injuries (although these are not caused by the war but by gangster activities). The film is, occasionally, tasteless, and the actors, Virginia Mayo and Dane Clark, have no tasks whatsoever.

Arab Film ("Hil el Hub"—the dream of love (Semadar, Jerusalem) is a comedy built round Egypt's social problem of marriage between the poor and the rich. Maditha Juras, the beautiful female lead, is again at her best, while Mohammed Amin, her co-star, has improved much as a singer, but fails as an actor. The picture, although the film print is inferior, shows lovely shots of Egyptian palm groves and Nile landscape. Bishara Wakim is a worthy comedian. The Carmel News special Arabic edition is well-produced, but it is a pity that it includes only one Israel Arab shot—the repatriation of Arab families to Israel at Mandelbaum Gate.

W.G.T.

Unrest among the port workers in Tel Aviv is not new. Trouble has, in fact, been brewing there all through the summer, and the threat of a strike has been hanging over the scene for many months. The Trade Union Department of the Histadrut which is under Mapai leadership claims that much, if not all, of the trouble is due to the local port workers' council under Mapam-leadership, with a sprinkling of other "opposition-parties" among the workers. The workers and their leaders are now studying conditions in Haifa and making contacts with the workers there.

That it should be so difficult to dig out the exact facts is due to a certain extent to the complicated wage scales in operation at the two ports. When they are being worked out, the cost of living is taken into account, as well as privileges gained by certain categories of workers at the one side and the management on the other. It is high time that the recurrent troubles in the port were solved so as to ensure steady work at the doors of the country where food and raw materials are brought in.

Troubled Past

Three main points are included in the workers' demands: higher wages in the lower grades; better social conditions and the guarantee of at least 16 days employment per month, and less overtime. Part of these demands the Trade Union Department of the Histadrut has already made their own. It is, however, not certain that they will be able to force the management of the port to agree to them. The management have already declared that they see no possibility of raising wages from approximately IL 2.40 to 2.70 a day. The matter is complicated by certain wage-differences between Tel Aviv and Haifa. The Trade Union Department aim at a national wage agreement for the ports at the beginning of 1951. They point to the difficulty of introducing new wage scales in Tel Aviv a month or two before the date the new agreement is due to be negotiated. A delegation of workers from the port of Tel Aviv are now studying conditions in Haifa and making contacts with the workers there.

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Haifa Elections Cost IL 12,000

HAIFA, Monday. — The Municipal elections will cost the Haifa taxpayers IL 12,000, the chairman of the Haifa Electoral Committee, Mr. Reuven Buniak told *The Jerusalem Post* today.

About 75,000 electors will be eligible to vote at 87 polling stations distributed in a way to give maximum facility to the voters. There is no station with more than 1,000 voters, and the average is 700 voters per station. Kiryat Hayim, Kiryat Shmuel and the Industrial Zone are included in the Haifa voting area.

A policeman will stand in front of every station and two policemen will be placed at stations where trouble may be expected. There is also a large reserve at hand and continuous telephone links with headquarters.

Results at Dawn

TEL AVIV, Monday. — After four years and numerous investigations, Asher Zeiri, 28, was acquitted by the Chief Magistrate here today of a charge of strangling his sister.

The original inquiry in 1946 was suspended owing to lack of evidence. Last April, however, the accused was brought under suspicion when a second sister allegedly reported to the police that he had committed the crime.

Family Quarrels

On the witness stand last week, however, the sister, Reizina, said that a second brother, Bezalel, who was killed two years ago in a gun fight with the police, had committed the crime. The accusation against her brother, Asher, had come in a moment of anger culminating a long series of family quarrels, Reizina testified.

In freeing the accused, the Chief Magistrate, Mr. E. Maisch, stressed that the true nature of the crime was not clear, and that the mother who had used her privilege not to testify against her son. No evidence was presented to show the guilt of the accused, and he therefore was acquitted. Mr. Maisch said:

"Mr. A. Dinar appeared for the prosecution and Mr. M. Meron for the defense."

IL. 4.m. Cement Works Set for Herzlia

HAIFA, Monday. — A new IL. 4.m. Portland Cement factory is being set up at Herzlia by the Shimshon Co. Ltd., according to Mr. John Furman, the newly-appointed manager.

The Shimshon Palestine Portland Cement Works, Mr. Furman said, will cut imports of this commodity from abroad considerably.

Mr. Furman recently resigned his appointment with the Zam group of companies to take up his new position. He is a former Malah member from London.

Obnoxious System

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Monday. — More than 4,000 sacks of New Brunswick seed potatoes and 200 tons of birch logs were loaded in the freighter Meir Dizengoff for Israel today.

The 3,866-ton ship which arrived from New York early today, will make regular trips here during the winter months. She was due to sail late tonight.

Ration News

Jerusalem: Biscuits: 150 grams; adults: 250 grams; children: 15; no coupon required. Jam: 300 grams, no coupon required. Margarine: 150 grams. Butter: 150 grams; kids: 150 grams; 6 children: 150 grams; adults: Landed 20. Live fish: 150 grams. Shin Gimel 10. Potatoes: 1 kilo. Shin Bet 22; distribution in zones 9, 10, 11. Clementines: 250 grams. Tav 220; distribution in zones 9, 10, 11. Beets: 250 grams. Tav 212. Distribution to ill persons: 150 grams.

Supplementary food ration cards will be distributed between 4-6 p.m. tomorrow and Wednesday at the Histadrut Building in Rehov HaPoalim to physical labourers who have received permits for such cards. The permit and ration book must be presented.

TEL AVIV AND DISTRICT: Tomatoes: 250 grams. Tav 360; distribution in zones 1-8. Carrots: 250 grams. Tav 280; distribution in zones 1-8. Fish: 150 grams. Tav 275; visitors: 250; tourists: 12; additional card; distribution in zones 6, 7. Bananas: 500 grams. card Aleph. Shin Aleph 25; visitors: 10. Carrot: 500 grams. Tav 260; distribution in zones 1, 2. Fowl: 500 grams; special card; distribution to ill persons in zones 1, 2.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Eggs: 4; children: 4; adults: Landed 20; visitors: 10; special card; distribution to ill persons only. Fish: 150 grams. Shin Gimel 15; visitors: 35. Cut-chicken: 250 grams. Tav 279; distribution in zones 1-3. Carrot: 500 grams. Tav 261; distribution in zones 1, 2. Fowl: 500 grams; special card; distribution to ill persons in zones 1-3.

ADVERTISING FOR PLANTING WITHIN THE JERUSALEM DISTRICT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE BY THE MUNICIPAL GARDENING DEPARTMENT IN COOPERATION WITH THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING AUTHORITY. INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE MUNICIPAL GARDENER AT THE PUBLIC GARDEN ON KING GEORGE AVENUE FROM 3:30 TO 4:30 P.M. BEGINNING TOMORROW.

The Municipality offices will be closed to the public all day today.

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TONIGHT, AT 8:30

RAMAT GAN "RAMA" CINEMA,

Thursday, Nov. 16

at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets available in Tel Aviv:

"Armon," 4 Rehov Haas,

Tel. 3987.

"Yael," 95 Rehov Allenby

"Robert," 116 Rehov Da-

sengoff.

Tickets available in Jaffa at:

"Kanal," 9 Rehov Bustros

Tel. 80094.

Tickets available in Ramat Gan at:

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THIS newspaper has never professed editorial neutrality. It has a consistent policy towards national problems.

POINT Moreover, The

OF POST has a

VIEW duty to its

readers impli-

cit in its function as a news-

paper; namely to comment

on the methods and charac-

ter of the people's leader-

ship. It was never our part

or principle to stand aloof,

with no word of specific

counsel, praise or rebuke to

those who strove to fulfil or

damage the mission of Zion-

ism from the days of Man-

natory frustration to that

zenith of Jewish endeavour

through the ages, the in-

gathering of the exiles.

Editorials in this column

have not hesitated to come

down squarely, in every na-

tional problem, on that side

where, in its conviction, the

national interest lay. Unlike

most of the papers in Israel,

it belongs to no party, and

so can always be independ-

ent in the true sense of the

word, as it is today. It nev-

er was, nor is it today, neutral, if that term means

having no opinion of its

own or being too timorous

to voice one.

The voter's choice at this

critical juncture is between

the approved Zionist lead-

ership and the exponents of

the unbridled Right who

seen bent on traducing not

the Government alone but

also its Zionist and social

creed, and on undermining

the work of its hands; be-

tween uncontrolled and un-

fettered profits in business

and industry and a planned,

supervised economy which

puts national before private

advantage.

So, neither solicited nor

compelled by any party,

The POST holds neutrality

unworthy, and indeed a ne-

gation of independence, in

crucial elections in which,

by every canon of objective

judgment and patriotism,

the choice is plain. It is the

Histadrut that has borne

the brunt in the very es-

tablishment of the State, in

the daily miracle of immigra-

tion, and in the upbuilding of

our Security Forces. The

Histadrut is the progressive

force that embodies the fin-

est social aspirations and

keeps alight the torch of

Zionism. To vote for those

who use the local authori-

ties as a weapon against the

central authority and to

foster friction between the

two, is to offer direct sup-

port for those campaigning

against the unity of the

state. It is the duty of every

citizen to vote today, and

the issues at stake are clear.

20 Puerto Ricans

Held for Conspiracy

SAN JUAN, Monday (Reuter)

— Twenty Puerto Rican na-

tionalists arrested after the

recent revolt against Amer-

ican rule were charged here

today with conspiracy to over-

throw the government.

Bail was set at \$25,000. The

minimum penalty for the

charge is 10 years' imprison-

ment.

Over 250 Nationalists and

Communists were arrested af-

ter the unsuccessful rebellion,

which broke out on October

30.

The 20 charged today in-

cluded Alibizu Campos, Na-

tionalist Party President.

Polling in 14 Towns Today

EXTENSION OF FRANCHISE

The table below shows how the Municipal franchise has been vastly extended in the three main cities. The ratio of voters to the population under Israeli law is in some cases more than seven times as high as it was under British Mandatory Law.

Date	District	Eligible Voters	Total Population
1934/5	Tel Aviv only	23,000	110,000
1950	Tel Aviv-Jaffa	170,000	310,000
1934/5	Jerusalem	8,800	105,000
1950	Jerusalem	52,000	112,000
1934/5	Haifa	8,000	55,000
1950	Haifa	76,000	120,000

In the Local Council of Yokneam only one list of candidates was put up so that no elections need be held.

Budget

The cost of local elections is borne by the local authorities. In addition, the Minister for the Interior has set up a Central Election Office with a budget of some IL. 7,000 to cover such items as publication of by-laws concerning the elections, supply of some of the ballot stationery, and provision of nomination-wide lists for the army.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa budget has not been limited. The Jerusalem Municipality has budgeted IL. 24,500, while Haifa's election expenses have been limited to IL. 12,000.

There is one group of local authorities for which elections will be held on May 8, 1951, instead of today. These are the 35 Regional Councils in exclusively rural areas. They represent more than 400 settlements.

INVALIDS FROM CHINA ARRIVE



"Hard core" cases of the last organized immigration from China being disembarked from the s.s. Negev in Haifa on Sunday. Photo by Hirshbain

Readers' Letters

LETTER DELIVERY

To the Editor of The POST Sir.—An express letter of mine "care of P.I.O. Haifa," as the envelope was addressed. The letter contained a special press pass for the Macabiah events last month.

It was acknowledged in another express letter mailed to me on September 30 and stamped by the Haifa Post Office on October 1.

Yours, etc., ARIE W. RIGBY Haifa, October 30.

DANTE IN ESPERANTO To the Editor of The POST

Sir.—The Dante lovers among your readers may be interested to hear that a course about the Divina Commedia in Esperanto will be broadcast every Friday at 6 o'clock by Radio Roma on wavelengths 19.5 and 31.1m. The lecturer is Professor Mussolini, renowned Italian linguist, who gave a reading about the life of Dante last Friday.

Yours, etc., DAVIDOWITZ

Y.M.C.A.—JERUSALEM LOUIS KRAFT

Secretary of the National Jewish Welfare Board in the U.S.A., at present on a lecture visit in Israel for the School of Social Work

"AMERICA — THE MAKING OF A NATION" Today, Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 9 p.m. in the Y. M. C. A. Lecture Hall.

The public is invited.

IDA B. DAVIDOWITZ

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